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Harrel, Alfred	AL	PIKE CO.	ORION P.O.	277	1870
Harrel, Dollie	AL	PIKE CO.	ORION P.O.	274	1870
Harrel, George W.	AL	PIKE CO.	TROY P.O.	324	1870
Harrel, Isaac	AL	PIKE CO.	BRUNDIDGE P.O.	355	1870
Harrel, John	AL	PIKE CO.	HENDERSON P.O.	388	1870
Harrel, John	AL	PIKE CO.	MILO P.O.	379	1870
Harrel, John D.	AL	PIKE CO.	TROY P.O.	323	1870
Harrel, John T.	AL	PIKE CO.	ORION P.O.	277	1870
Harrel, Larkin	AL	PIKE CO.	TROY P.O.	322	1870
Harrel, Louis	AL	PIKE CO.	BRIAR HILL P.O.	426	1870
Harrel, Mary E.	AL	PIKE CO.	MILO P.O.	371	1870
Harrel, Simon J.	AL	PIKE CO.	ORION P.O.	269	1870
Harrell, Ann	AL	PIKE CO.	HENDERSON P.O.	401	1870

Snapshots of Coast business leaders

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Where the Coast grows from here

■ Age: 51.

Hometown: Military family, lived across the United States and in Panama.

Residence: Gulfport.

Occupation: Attorney, owns a practice focused on banking,

commercial law and civil litigation.

Leadership positions: Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, 1974-1977; former law clerk to Judge J.P. Coleman, former chief judge of United States Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit; former president, Harrison County Bar Association and Young Lawyers Section; Mississippi State Bar, former commissioner, director of Young Lawyers Section and chair of several committees; elected fellow of Mississippi State Bar Foundation; director, Gulfport Area and Mis-



sissippi Coast chambers of commerce; past president, Gulfport Chamber of Commerce; governor's appointee to Mississippi Judicial Nominating Committee; listed in Who's Who in American Law and Who's Who in American; charter member and former president, Christmas in April in Harrison County; officer, director, Lynn Meadows Discovery Center; organizer, first president, Gulfport Downtown Association; organizer, vice president, Gulfport Business Club; board member, Gulfport Rotary Club; has taught busi-

ness law, William Carey College and banking law, Robert Morris Associates; mentor, Gulfport School District; founder, president, Gulfport Excellence (private fund to support public education in Gulfport); member, licensed lay eucharistic minister, Sunday school teacher, former warden and vestryman, St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Biggest strength as a leader: "John does not have a confrontational personality — he's a very amiable person," says George Schloegel, Hancock Bank president. "He is the consummate gentleman. Almost anyone you meet likes John Harral very, very well. He's got a lot of energy, and he is particularly astute as an attornev."

Top trick for balancing work and family: "There is no way to stretch a day into more than 24 hours. Therefore, I try to set aside the time for work and the time for family and the time for civic activities, and give 100 percent of my energy and effort to each during that allotted time."

Most influential book he's read: The Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church.

People who have influenced him most: His father — who went to the Naval Academy at age 16, was a decorated submarine skipper, wrote a book, and had two more careers after he retired from the Navy — taught him love of the English language and the value of diligence, perseverance and excellence; also Abraham Lincoln and Winston Churchill, who taught him that one person, through dogged pursuit of a goal, can do anything.

One thing he would change about the Coast: "I would have every citizen become involved in the issues that affect our quality of life on the Mississippi Gulf Coast."

